

Gateway Library News

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"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."

-Abigail Adams

Responding, Renewing and Redefining...

Unveiling New Collaboration Pod

With the start of the Fall 2009 Semester the library unveils its newly designed collaboration workstation, known as C-pod, in response to our students collaborative use of our current workstations. The new C-pod model will allow students to work together without having to crowd around a single monitor and keyboard, a single laptop, or computer station. The new initiative was made possible by the award of a \$3,500 Technology Grant by the **Gateway Community College Foundation**.

The pod is available to students and faculty for academic group work on a first-come first-served basis. The workstation includes a 42" monitor, 6 laptop connections, and seating for 6 to 8 people. Personal laptops can be used or borrowed at the library Service Desk with proper identification.



Dr. Clara Ogbaa, Director of Library Services, observing students using the new college collaboration pod in the library.

Interfiling of the Reference Collection

Another major undertaking this summer was the merging of the reference books into the main collection at the Long Wharf campus library. This new trend has been implemented in many libraries across the country with great success. It was a group effort that could not have been accomplished without the support of the entire staff, especially Michael Cifferelli and our student workers. We are very confident that this reorganization will improve customer service and increase usage of our reference materials. We hope to begin interfiling the collections at the North Haven campus sometime in the near future.

New Library Resources

Netlibrary— An ebook collection of over 260 titles in various subject areas including College Success, Writing and Literature, Social Issues, Career Advancement, Personal Greening, Management & Leadership and Teacher's Resources. To access this collection, go to the library's homepage and click on the "eBooks" button.

LibGuides— A content management system where Gateway librarians create electronic course/research subject guides that allow students to see library resources on a particular subject/course in one place. To view the guides, go to the library's homepage and click on the "Subject Guides" button.

360 Link—A tool that gets patrons directly from the citation to the full-text of an article, for each database that supports that type of linking. Because it cross searches the databases, it is a much more efficient and effective means of researching.

Interactive Tutorials—The library has a number of screencasts available for viewing for help on various topics and databases. Many of the screencasts were created by Gateway librarians to provide step-by-step instruction that can be accessed 24/7. To view any of our screencasts, go to the library's homepage, click on the "Subject Guides" button, then on "Tutorials".

ReadSpeaker— The Gale databases have added a feature that reads aloud the text of the page/article you are viewing. This enhancement is not just for students with special needs but also benefits those students in Developmental or ESL classes who may have language difficulties. Some of the Gale databases include Academic Onefile, Opposing Viewpoints, Business Company Resource Center, and Health Reference Center Academic.

Special Collections in New Area

Two of the library's special collections have been moved to other areas of the library to enhance their space and provide a more welcoming environment for others to come and enjoy these wonderful resources.

The Children's Area is now located in the front section towards the back corner, away from the quiet area. This space will allow the Early Learning Center children to play and learn more freely during Storytime with Martha Lipowski. The storytime hour is held in the library on Friday mornings during the Spring and Fall semesters.

The African American History Collection, started by donations from the African American History Club, was moved to the front of the library next to the library's other special collections. This move was done to provide the collection with additional space and better visibility.

Librarian's Pick

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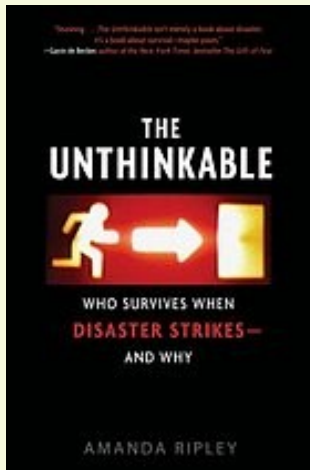
Subjects covered include:

Biology	History
Chemistry	Physics
Computer Science	Literature
Economics	Political Science
Psychology	Mathematics

Book Reviews

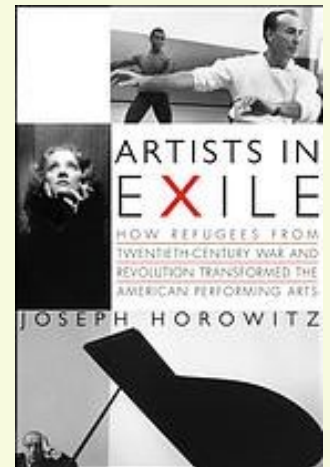
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While anticipating the prospect of an unpleasant situation, have you ever asked yourself, "Well, what's the worst thing that could happen?" That is what Amanda Ripley, a senior writer for Time Magazine has done, in her new book, The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes and Why. (Crown Publishers). Ripley's book is a collection of real-life reports of the human response to disaster. She has interviewed brain scientists, trauma psychologists, and anyone designated as a "disaster expert". In addition, Ripley places herself in the position of "specimen", and allows some of these experts to formally measure her own brain's response to stress. This remarkable book is a must-read for trauma specialists and any sensitive, reflective reader who wants to learn more about our response to traumatic stress and disaster. George Bernard Shaw once said "the test of a man and woman's breeding is an argument". This book shows us, through the human response to disaster, what our own character is revealed to be.



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America has long been called a "Melting Pot"; and nowhere is that concept more obvious than in Joseph Horowitz's book, Artists in Exile (Harper Collins Publishers). The book is an exploration at how many refugees, during the two world wars, came to America, and, with their artistic talents, transformed American performing arts. Included are such greats as Igor Stravinsky, Rudolf Serkin, Otto Klemporer, Paul Hindemith, Kurt Weill, Marlene Dietrich, Greta Garbo, Vladimir Nabokov and Thomas Mann. The book is not a comprehensive overview, but rather a collection of specific case studies that combine a personal element with the perspective of sheer, objective, source, chronological survey. This book will be a valuable source for all those readers interested in the irony of how many foreign talents contributed to the mystique of the American performing arts.



—Bob Paglia,
Adjunct Instructor, Humanities

Online Catalog Gets New Look

The Library's online catalog, where you can search for library materials on both campuses, got an upgrade and a new design this summer making for better accessibility and usability. You can now save your searches, to run them again at a future time, or save a list of titles of interest to you. You can also filter your searches by video/DVD, e-books, audio books, and others. When you look at an individual title in the Library catalog, you will also now see a link to any available information about this work from Google Book Search, including a cover image. And we're in the process of adding catalog records for our many electronic books, so you can search for them along with our traditional print ones! Your personal account is accessed using your library card or Banner number, so please make sure that we have your current information. Also, Blackboard Vista faculty members please note—if you previously included a link to the Library catalog in your course shell, you'll have to update it since it has a new Web address. Questions or comments about the Library catalog? Please contact Karen Kramer, Systems Librarian, at X2140 LW or X2342 NH, or email kkramer@gwcc.commnet.edu

Book Donations



Dr. Joseph Magyar recently donated over 400 outstanding, top quality books to the library's collection. His impressive collection on a wide range of topics, especially history and world politics is in excellent condition and a welcome addition to our existing collection. Dr. Magyar is also an avid library user and a long-time Gateway Community College advocate.

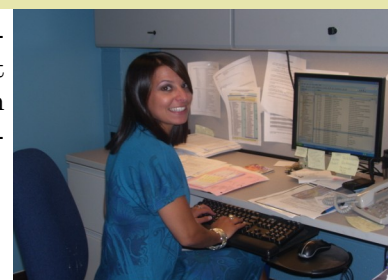
John A. Vincze, Director of Business and Industry Services has also donated some great books for Management and Economics courses.

Dr. Melissa Oliver, a former faculty member at UT-Austin for several years, who recently relocated to Connecticut also donated a number of Journals in Early Childhood Education, Special Education and Communication Disorders.

The library would like to thank Dr. Joseph Magyar, John Vince and Missy Oliver for their generous donations. The donations have been processed and are now available for use in the Library.

Staff News

Congratulations to Shauna Carrano, Library Associate, who received her Master's in Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University this past May. Shauna started at Gateway in 2004 and began working on her degree in Fall 2006. Shauna is an essential member of the library staff whose duties include reference, interlibrary loan, periodicals, and much more. Way to go!



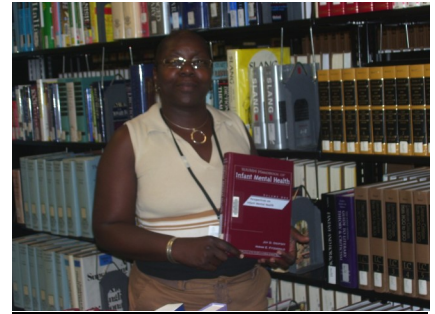
Library Associate Shauna Carrano at her desk

MEEBO US!

The library has now added instant messaging as another means of reaching out to patrons. This reference service allows users to ask questions in an online chat environment. Questions are answered by Gateway staff during set hours and not meant for in-depth research questions. Check out the Meebo widget on the library's homepage.

Student Focus

My name is Michelle Lyde, resident of the New Haven area. I have been attending Gateway Community College for two years, pursuing my education in the human services field, working towards my Associate in Science degree. I have the pleasure of working in the Long Wharf campus Library as a work study student which has opened many doors for me. Since I have been working in the library, I have mastered the Library of Congress system, which is a technique used for shelving books. I am a recipient of the 2009 Empowerment of New Haven Scholarship and also made the Dean's List in Spring 2009. Working in the library is a rewarding experience and the support from the staff is exceptional. Whenever I am asked "What is my relationship like with the staff?", my response is, "They're like family—everyone lends a helping hand in order to keep the library running productively."



Library student worker Michelle Lyde shelving books in the library.

I always look forward to working in the library, and with the staff. For anyone who is interested in the work study program, I would highly recommend that they request a position in the library, and become a part of our family.

Library Contest Winners

In April, the library sponsored a Student Poetry Writing and Library Quiz contest, coordinated by Martha Lipowski. The contest was in conjunction with National Library Week and Poetry Month. All entries were exhibited in the library, showcasing the creative talent of our Gateway students. The library plans to hold more creative writing contests in the future at the request of both students and faculty, who found the event rewarding as well as a great learning activity.

Thanks go out to our poetry judges— Martha Hayes, Ginny Woolums and Karen Kramer—for the time put forth and their expertise, and also to Evie Gard, Martha Hayes, and Mike Cifferelli for donating the prizes. What a wonderful collaboration opportunity it was!

Student Poetry Writing Contest

1st place - James Harker, Jr.
2nd place - Charles Culliton
3rd place - Thomas Nelson III
4th place - Gary George

Library Quiz

Gary George
Megara Sanderson

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203-285-2340

Fall Semester Hours

Long Wharf

Mon—Thu 7:45-8:00
Fri 7:45-4:00
Sat 9:00-3:00

North Haven

Mon - Thu 8:00-8:00
Fri 8:00-3:00